

- --5. (amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the content of carbon dioxide in the aqueous solution to be sprayed is at least 0.25% by weight.--
- --6. (amended) A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the surface of the sodium percarbonate granules is exposed to said spray for a period of from 0.5 to 15 minutes.--
- --7. (amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the thickness of said film is less than 100 nm.--
- --8. (amended) A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the method additionally comprises repeating steps a) to c) from one to ten times to increase the thickness of the film by creating multiple layers.--
- --9. (amended) A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the method is carried out in a fluidized bed reactor comprising a step of spraying said aqueous solution containing dissolved carbon dioxide inside the fluidized bed from a spray nozzle inside the fluidized bed reactor.--
- characterized in that the method additionally comprises depositing an additional coating layer on top of said film of sodium bicarbonate, said additional coating layer comprising sodium sulphate, soda, sodium bicarbonate, a mixture of sodium sulphate and lithium sulphate, a mixture of soda and sodium

sulphate, a mixture of a metal sulphate and a polymer or a polymer.--

--11. (amended Sodium percarbonate granules prepared

according to the method of claim 1.--